

TICKET SALES ARE

An Old Offender at his Favorite Vocation.
To the Editor of The Times:
I write this article hoping that the experience of some unfortunates may prove a lesson to others. For some time past it has been the custom of a certain employment office to advertise on the dead walls and other places, "railroad tickets for sale." To the unexperienced it would seem a novel way of

himself at the place advertised, he will be told that he can buy a ticket to San Francisco, or some other point, for almost one-half the regular rate for a first-class ticket. The manager of that employment office is too well versed in legal technicalities to lay himself liable, so he tells the unsophisticated that he does not sell the ticket but for the sum of one dollar he will convey the information where the said tickets are for sale. If the party

inquisitive he is promptly told that he can find no more information, but must pay his dollar and he will be referred to where he can buy the ticket. In most cases the dollar is paid and a receipt is given telling the bearer where the tickets can be found, and for which information he has to pay his dollar. Going to the place referred, sometimes it being a regular professional scalper of tickets, and in some instances being parties who had bought their own tickets at contract rates, and which is only good to the party sold to,

the same. After paying the money to the second party and congratulating himself on buying a first-class ticket at almost half the usual rates, he prepares himself and starts off on the train. All is right till the conductor (whose experiences in that direction have led him to be more than usually sharp) quickly detects an old contract ticket with the party's signature attached, or to be more sure he generally has the party to write their name underneath, which quickly shows he is not the original purchaser. The train is stopped and the victim is not off minus what he has

ticket again paying as much as if he had bought it at the original starting point. If this shall save some who have ever contemplated buying such tickets and saving them their money and much trouble, this article shall not have been written in vain. J. F. McA.

Winnemucca Dying—The Probable Sacrifice of his wife.
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The Piutes hereabouts have learned by courier that Winnemucca, Chief of all the Piutes, is lying at the point of

on a visit to Ochoho, one of his faithful henchmen. The sub-chiefs are so dependent, and as Indians are very superstitious, some attribute his illness to the witchery of his new wife, while others think the medicine-man is to blame. It is quite probable that if his sickness ends in death, his wife and doctor will be made to atone for it with their lives. It is customary for the Piutes, as well as many other tribes, to kill the medicine-man who attends a chief during an illness which ends in death, and they sometimes sacrifice

his grave. An instance of the latter kind took place here two years since, when an innocent squaw was taken with the corpse of her husband to the Harmony Mountains, some eight or ten miles above town, and sacrificed on his grave, the charge against her being witchcraft.

"Steer For the Butte."
California Cor. N. Y. Tribune.

But far off from the southern horizon, luminous and sublime, the summit of Shasta loomed up against the blue

base, and it looked the spector of a mountain floating in mid-air. It was my guide and goal all one day. "Steer for the butte," said the farmer with whom I passed a night near the Klamath Ferry, giving me directions about the road, "you'll not go astray." The country people call this monarch of the California mountains "the butte." There are buttes by the score, but this is the butte. When I first saw its two white summits from the Klamath plains it did not seem possible that they had any connection with the solid earth. They

en miles nearer, the rock ridges between the snow-fields, which earlier in the day were of a dark blue color, began to assume a brown lava hue, and the snow became real snow instead of vague white clouds. Shasta appears much higher than Mont Blanc; it is in reality about 1000 feet lower, its elevation being 14,400 feet, but in approaching it from the north your first point of view, in the Klamath Valley, is not much above the level of the sea; then it stands out individual and alone, while Mont Blanc is only the

They Are Not Slaves.

Sumner, Democratic candidate for Congressman at-large, in a speech at Stockton, made the assertion that the employes of the Central Pacific Railroad Company vote only at the bidding of that corporation. L. E.

Stockton, who is well known in Southern California, brands the assertion as a lie, and goes after Summer with a cleaver. He closes his communication to the Stockton *Herald* as follows:

"I have been an employé of the Central Pacific Railroad for eight years, amid various political complications, and no word has ever been said to me or to any man, a co-worker with me, as to how or for whom he or I should

anything, that there are Democrat employees of the railroad company who work in conventions for such slanders as he is, and no one says them nay! The only thing demanded from employees of the Central Pacific Railroad is that they have brains and the industry to use them—something not always found in politicians—and on behalf of the thousands of honorable men who work for a corporation that pays them what they are worth and when their wages is due, I will care for all to place this statu-

the fact that the Railroad does not influence the vote of its employees; that if it has occasion to use its "influence," it is the popular supposition that it is exerted on such demagogues and slanderers as Mr. Sumner after they are elected to office; its employees meanwhile being allowed all the privileges outlined in the Declaration of Independence, including life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness, very few of them, I am happy to add, attempting to find these boons in the ranks of the

The books of the Treasury Department show that under the administration of Secretary Folger, during a period of ten months from the 1st of November, 1881, to the 1st of the present month, the following reductions have been effected: In the interest-bearing debt, \$129,035,000; of the total debt, as cash in the Treasury, \$136,608,294; and the annual interest charge, \$11,515,000.

